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The Adjutant General's Office  
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SUBJLCT: Supplies and Equipment for the Strategic Services Unit

TO: Commanding Generals,  
Army Air Forces  
Army Ground Forces  
Commander-in-Chief,  
Army Forces, Pacific  
Commanding Generals,  
Theaters of Operations  
Caribbean Defense Command  
Alaskan Department  
Armies  
Military District of Washington  
Ports of Embarkation  
Independent Commands under the War Department  
Commanding Officers,  
Ports of Embarkation  
Chiefs of Technical Services

1. Letter, this office, AG 400 (28 Aug 44)OB-S-D-II, 30 August 1944, subject, "Supplies and Equipment for the Office of Strategic Services", and all amendments thereto, are hereby rescinded and the following instructions are substituted therefor:

2. Authority. The Strategic Services Unit is an organizational unit of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of War (Reference: Executive Order of the President of the United States, 20 September 1945) and supplies and equipment shall be issued to this agency in the same manner as issues are made to other agencies of the War Department.

3. Procurement

a. The Director, Strategic Services Unit, is authorized to procure specialized supplies within the limits of appropriated funds made available to the Strategic Services Unit at the time of procurement, providing such supplies or equipment are not available from the stocks of the Technical Services of the War Department and/or he has deemed it administratively impractical to obtain such items through War Department supply channels. In such cases the Director, Strategic Services Unit, or his authorized representative, will be guided by existing War Department Procurement Regulations.

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b. Overseas missions of the Strategic Services Unit, whose location is not within the boundaries of any existing theater or whose location is inconvenient to or cannot for security reasons be revealed, are authorized to procure such supplies, equipment, or services as are necessary for the completion of its mission and are approved by the Director, Strategic Services Unit prior to establishing an obligation therefor.

4. Supply Procedures

a. Within the Zone of Interior:

(1) Issue of standard items of equipment available from the Army Air Forces and the Technical Services, will be effected by appropriate requisition in the manner prescribed by the Technical Service concerned. Programming of future requirements will not be necessary except in such instances where, by agreement between the Strategic Services Units and the Technical Service concerned, programming will be requested with respect to certain classes of equipment. Otherwise, supplies, equipment, or services will be furnished upon proper requisitions when available.

(2) Supplies and equipment issued as described in 4a(1) above will be accounted for in accordance with existing War Department procedure.

b. Overseas

(1) Commanding Generals of existing Theaters of Operations are authorized to issue or furnish all classes of supplies, equipment, or services which are required by any Strategic Services Unit mission within the boundaries of their commands upon proper requisition signed by the Chief of Mission, Strategic Services Unit.

(2) Operational supplies which are required by a Strategic Services Unit mission for the performance of its functions will be furnished and reimbursement therefor will be obtained from the Strategic Services Unit. All other classes of materials or services shall be furnished without reimbursement.

(3) Supplies and equipment issued to a Strategic Services Unit will be replenished upon proper requisition by the Theater Commander through existing channels when replenishment is necessary or desirable, in which case reference to the original procurement document submitted by the Strategic Services Unit overseas mission must be made.

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5. In all instances of requisitioning by a Strategic Services Unit within the zone of interior or within a Theater of Operation, this letter will be considered as the basic authority for such issue and no other authority shall be requested or required.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

/s/ Edward F. Witsell  
EDWARD F. WITSELL  
Major General  
The Adjutant General

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